

I am writing to encourage you to consider carefully the State telephone privacy laws before trying to preempt them with a national law. The protection of privacy is extremely important to me personally and I think it is particularly important for the citizens of this country. Today, more than ever, we are faced with increased marketing of products and services and it becomes harder and harder to find the space where this doesn't happen.

Indiana's Telephone privacy law has effectively safeguarded my family's privacy at home and it works for the citizens of our state. This is not the place for a one-size-fits-all solution.

Since Indiana's Telephone Privacy law has been passed my wife and I have received far fewer telephone solicitations. We used to receive as many as 5 per week and now we rarely receive any at all (1 or 2 per month). I urge you NOT to preempt the State laws and in doing so reduce my family's privacy by allowing the same companies that are prevented from calling us (e.g. credit card companies) to start calling again.

Thanks for listening,  
Paul Retherford